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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USP10) on page 2. 1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114] (Any unembered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other b. [X] Enclosed iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_ [X] Amendment/Reply
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